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Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 116
Washington, DC 20426

Oroville Facilities Relicensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Project No. 2100 – Final Semi-Annual Progress Report

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed are an original and eight CD-ROM copies of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) last and final six-month Progress Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). DWR is submitting this six-month Progress Report, covering the period beginning July 12, 2004 through January 10, 2005 pursuant to FERC's Alternative Licensing Procedures, as required by Section 4.34(i)(b) of FERC Order 596 for a license application due by January 31, 2005.

During this final reporting period, our primary achievements were as follows:

- Concluded and/or rescheduled Plenary and Resource Area Work Group meetings to coincide with completion of technical investigations and to accommodate and transition participants' focus on the settlement negotiations process;
- Completed all of the Study Plan Reports except those dependent upon seasonal monitoring;
- Continued settlement negotiation meetings with Indian Tribes, State and federal agencies, and other interested stakeholders and reached tentative draft agreement on many issues;
- Developed the No-Action Alternative, the Proposed Action Alternative, and Alternative 2 for the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment based upon collaborative discussions and studies; and,
- Prepared License Application for the Oroville Facilities Relicensing process for submittal to FERC by January 31, 2005, including the PDEA.

As the enclosed CD-ROM copies of our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site show, DWR shared a voluminous pre-filing record with the ALP collaborative through its web site posting of the Draft Application for New License, reports, meeting summaries including resource action matrices and Study Plan narrative reports, and Study Plan interim and final reports.

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DWR's pre-filing consultation activities will cease in the ALP process after the new license application is filed with FERC by January 31, 2005. As necessary and appropriate, DWR shall keep FERC staff apprised of the progress of our settlement negotiations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (916) 653-5062.

Sincerely,

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